

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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CHECKING OF POLLUTION LEVEL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether pollution levels are being checked in States;
- (b) if so, the criteria fixed for checking pollution, at States` levels State-wise; and
- (c) whether a monthly report is compiled through this system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) A network of monitoring stations have been set up to assess quality of water and ambient air at national level. The ambient air quality is being monitored in 92 cities/towns through 290 ambient air quality monitoring stations and for monitoring of water quality of rivers, lakes and of ground water, 480 stations have been set up throughout the country. All State Pollution Control Boards are participating in the monitoring programme. The criteria fixed for checking pollution includes the location of industries, pollution problem posed by different sources, sensitive areas etc.

Normally monthly/quarterly reports regarding water and air quality are prepared by monitoring agencies and sent to Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB) which are compiled and published annually by CPCB.